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For: RIBONUCLEIC ACID COMPOUND AND  
METHOD OF LIQUID-PHASE SYNTHESIS  
OF OLIGONUCLEIC ACID COMPOUND

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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Claim Amendments** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.